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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-32. (Cancelled).

33. (Original) A drilling or servicing fluid composition comprising:
an aqueous liquid as the continuous phase;
one or more surfactants;
aphrons; and
one or more aphron stabilizers, wherein at least one of said aphron stabilizers comprises polyvinyl alcohol.

34. (Original) The composition according to claim 33 wherein the aphron stabilizer further comprises betaine, alkyl ether sulfate, or mixtures thereof.

35. (Original) The composition according to claim 34 wherein the composition comprises from about 0.05% to about 2% by weight aphron stabilizer.

36. (Original) The composition according to claim 33 further comprising one or more viscosifiers.

37. (Original) The composition according to claim 33 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 20 hours.

38. (Original) The composition according to claim 33 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 75 hours.

39. (Original) The composition according to claim 33 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 150 hours.

40. (Original) The composition according to claim 33 wherein the aphrons have an average half-life of greater than or equal to about 200 hours.